



# Wraparound History In Los Angeles County

In 1998, Los Angeles County adopted the Wraparound Model to provide services to children and families with multiple and complex mental health and other service needs. Wraparound is an integrated multi-agency, community-based planning process, grounded in a philosophy of unconditional (whatever it takes) commitment to families. The Wraparound Child and Family Team (CFT) assist with developing and implementing the family's plan and address unmet needs, legal mandates, crisis stabilization; and work toward the family's identified mission. The desired outcome of the Wraparound approach is a child/youth thriving at home with their family and maintained through community services and supports.

The LA County Wraparound Model was developed through the collaborative partnerships with Los Angeles County Department of Probation, Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and numerous Wraparound community-based provider agencies.

# How Does Wraparound Work?

- Creates a strength-based intervention plan with a child and family team;
- Promotes youth and family involvement by using services in their community;
- \*Uses a community-based service delivery system;
- \*Promotes family independence and stability;
- \*Provides services that fits a child and family's identified needs, culture, and preferences;
- Creates a plan to address a family's needs in various life domains that include legal, economic, housing, etc; and
- \*Focuses on achieving goals, and provide flexible funding to support the child and family needs.

### Wraparound Principles

- 1. Family voice and choice
- Team based approach
- Natural supports
- 4. Collaboration
- 5. Community based
- 6. Culturally competent
- 7. Individualized
- 8. Strength based
- 9. Persistence
- 10. Outcome based



# Benefits to Families

- 24/7 Crisis Intervention and Support
- Promotes success in families by supporting strong family ties
- Improves communication between family members
- Faster timelines to permanency
- Reduces reliance on out of home care



# Benefits to Community



- Reduces the need for community emergency resources
- Provides social involvement in programs and activities in the family's own community
- Promotes success in families by supporting strong family ties
- Contributes to a stable healthy community

### Wraparound Eligibility

#### A Child/Youth Must:

- Be adjudicated as a dependent (WIC 300) of the Dependency Court,
- Or be adjudicated as Ward of the Juvenile Court (WIC 601, 602 or 790 status),
- Or have a voluntary DCFS case.
- Or qualify for Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)
- Have an Open Child Welfare Case
- Be EPSDT eligible
- Meet medical necessity for specialty mental health services.
- 30 days prior to transitioning out of residential cares

# What is a Wraparound Team?

#### Wraparound Team Members:

- Parent/Caregiver
   "We need help with our child"
- 2. Child
  "I want help"
- Formal and/or informal Supports "We are here for you"
- Facilitator "What is working"
- 5. Parent Partner "I've been there"
- 6. Child and Family Specialist(CFS)
  "I understand"
- 7. Therapist
  "Let's talk about it"











